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Meetings of Branches and Divisions.

[*The proceedings of the Divisions and Branches of the Association relating to Scientific and Clinical Medicine, when reported by the Honorary Secretaries, are published in the body of the* JOURNAL.]

DORSET AND WEST HANTS BRANCH.

A GENERAL meeting of the Branch was held at Sherborne on July 7th, when the President, Dr. C. D. MUSPRATT, was in the chair.

New Members.—The PRESIDENT, on behalf of the Branch Council, reported the election of Robert Andrew George Elliott and Telford Telfordsmith as members of the Association.

Autumn Meeting.—On the motion of the PRESIDENT, it was unanimously agreed to hold the autumn meeting at Bournemouth in October.

New Hospital at Bridport.—The PRESIDENT, on behalf of Dr. Edwards of Bridport, gave an invitation to the members to visit and inspect the new hospital at Bridport, and a date early in September was suggested.

Vote of Thanks.—The PRESIDENT proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Sherborne practitioners for their hospitality in entertaining the members to lunch at the Digby Hotel, where, after the meeting, the members were also entertained to tea.

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH:
BURY DIVISION.

A MEETING of the Bury Division was held on June 30th, when Dr. CROMPTON was in the chair.

New Members.—The following were nominated for election to membership of the Division: Dr. Gladys Ramsden, Dr. Clarence Lees, Dr. James Williamson.

Medical Attendance on Dependants.—A letter was read from Mr. Larkin concerning attendance on necessitous dependants of soldiers, and work done for practitioners absent on war service.

Annual Report.—The Secretary's report and balance-sheet were accepted. The report stated that the Division contained 53 members, a decrease of 2 due to removals, while 3 new members were down for election. One general meeting and one executive meeting had been held during the year with an attendance of 20 and 9 respectively. Much of the medico-political work formerly done by the Division had now devolved on the Local Medical Committee. No social or scientific meetings had been held owing to the abnormal times, but it was hoped to arrange for such meetings to be held during the ensuing year. Out of 69 men in general practice in the area of the Division 54 were taking part in the work of free treatment of necessitous dependants of soldiers, and £16 10s. 6d. had been collected for the Belgian Doctors' and Pharmacists' Relief Fund. In connexion with the subject of carrying on the practices of men who had gone, or were desirous of going, on active service, the report stated that the Bury Local Medical Committee had made the necessary arrangements for the county borough previous to the receipt of communications on the subject from head quarters. Inquiries had been received from all parts of the country with regard to the Bury holiday scheme (see BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL, April 24th, p. 730, June 12th, p. 1011), and full particulars and sample stationery had been supplied.

Election of Officers.—The following officers were elected for the coming year:

President: Dr. F. B. G. Holmes (Bury).
Vice-President: Dr. Young (Whitefield).
Representative to Representative Meetings and Branch Council: Dr. J. W. Johnson.
Deputy Representative: Dr. Smith (Radcliffe).
Honorary Secretary: Dr. P. F. Braithwaite, with permission to arrange for an assistant honorary secretary if required.
Executive: Drs. R. Crompton (Ramsbottom), Stewart (Haslingden), Nuttall and Dewar (Bury).
Local Honorary Secretaries: Radcliffe, Dr. Smith; *Ramsbottom*, Dr. Lawrie; *Haslingden*, Dr. J. G. Harrison; *Rawtenstall*, to be arranged by the Secretary.

Matters Referred to Divisions.—Regarding the suggestion that the fee of 10s. 6d. for acting as a referee under the Insurance Act was sometimes excessive, the Division agreed to rescind the resolution enforcing this, and to the recognition of a fee of 7s. 6d. The Division expressed its opposition to attending juveniles at contract rates at all, but instructed its representative to support all the other recommendations in the SUPPLEMENT for May 8th, including the suggested scales of fees for examination for life assurance.

Insurance Certificates.—Attention was drawn to the books of certificates issued by the British Medical Association to replace Form Med. 40, with a view to minimizing as much as possible the inconvenience caused to doctors who attend insured persons in their private capacity.

Levy.—All the members present paid the voluntary levy of 5s. for 1914; a number of members who were unable to be present had previously sent their levies on by post.

SOUTHERN BRANCH.

THE annual general meeting of the Branch was held on July 8th at the Speedwell Hotel, Portsmouth, when the President, Mr. G. H. COWEN, F.R.C.S., was in the chair. Owing to the inclemency of the weather the attendance was small, only fifteen members being present.

Annual Report.—On the motion of Mr. C. P. CHILDE, seconded by Dr. J. T. LEON, the annual report and statement of accounts were adopted.

Associate Members.—Drs. James Watson of Dormans Park and Mr. W. A. S. Royds of Haslemere, formerly members of the Council, were elected as associate members of the Branch.

Vote of Sympathy.—A resolution of sympathy with the Honorary Secretary on the occasion of his illness was moved by Dr. W. H. HARMAN, seconded by the PRESIDENT, and carried unanimously.

Pay and Allowances of Territorial Medical Officers.—A letter from Captain G. F. Morley, R.A.M.C.(T.), *re* pay

and allowances, was read and referred to the Acting Secretary to answer.

Induction of Chairman.—Mr. COWEN then vacated the chair in favour of Dr. C. F. ROUTH, who, having expressed his thanks for the honour conferred upon him in electing him as President for the coming year, moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Cowen for his services during the year 1914–15. This was seconded by Dr. SHEAHAN, and Mr. COWEN suitably responded.

Presidential Address.—Dr. ROUTH delivered an address on *Bacillus coli* infection of the urinary tract. At its conclusion a vote of thanks was, on the motion of Dr. HACKMAN, seconded by Dr. LEON, accorded to him.

Tea.—The PRESIDENT invited the members to tea, during which a collection was made on behalf of Epsom College. On account of the war there was no luncheon, golf competition, or other social event.

PORTSMOUTH DIVISION.

THE annual general meeting of the Portsmouth Division was held on June 25th, when Dr. COLE-BAKER was in the chair.

Annual Report.—The annual report and statement of accounts were received and adopted, the latter showing a deficit of £4 10s. 10d.

Election of Officers.—The following gentlemen were elected to serve for the ensuing year:

Chairman: Dr. J. T. Leon.
Vice-Chairman: Mr. C. A. Scott Ridout, F.R.C.S.
Secretary and Treasurer: Mr. L. K. H. Hackman.
Representative at Annual Representative Meeting: Dr. D. A. Sheahan.
Representatives on Branch Council: Dr. Cole-Baker, Mr. A. B. Wright, Mr. J. T. Leon.
Executive Committee: Dr. J. G. Blackman, Mr. T. A. Colt, Dr. A. V. Maybury, sen., Dr. W. A. Salmond, Mr. H. S. Thomas, Mr. G. McGregor, Mr. E. B. Bird, Dr. C. Lamplough, Mr. H. E. Crawley, Dr. F. C. H. Muggleton; together with, *ex officio*, Dr. W. Carling (Librarian), Mr. James Green (Central Council), and Mr. J. H. F. Way (Secretary, Local Medical Committee).

Election of Direct Representative.—It was unanimously resolved that the nomination of Dr. J. A. Macdonald as a Direct Representative on the General Medical Council be cordially supported.

Annual Representative Meeting.—The provisional agenda of the Annual Representative Meeting were considered, and the recommendations of the Council were agreed to except on the following points:

1. *Ethical Rules.*—(*a*) The Ethical Committee of a Division should only investigate facts and report; (*b*) *re* Branches, the Secretary should not send the recommendation of the Ethical Committee to each party concerned, but only the resolution adopted by the Council.
2. *Attendance on Juveniles.*—It was resolved that in voting on this question our Representative be given a free hand, as also in the matter of fees for examination in life insurance.

SOUTH WALES AND MONMOUTHSHIRE BRANCH:

CARDIFF DIVISION.

THE annual meeting of the Cardiff Division was held on June 2nd.

Vote of Condolence.—A vote of condolence with the family of the late Dr. W. T. Edwards was proposed from the chair and carried unanimously.

Election of Officers.—The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Chairman: Dr. P. J. O'Donnell, Barry.
Vice-Chairman: Dr. Fred. W. S. Davies.
Honorary Secretary: Dr. D. C. Evans.
Assistant Secretary: Dr. R. Walker.
Branch Councillors: Drs. O'Donnell, E. E. Brierley, Fitzgerald, W. B. Crawford Treasure, Fred. W. S. Davies, Leigh (Treharris), Shaw Lyttle, McCrea (Bargoed).
Ordinary Members of Executive: Drs. Herbert Cook, MacKenzie (Caerphilly), Thos. Wallace, and Thornley.
Branch Contract Practice Committee: Drs. John Powell (Barry), Leigh (Treharris), MacKenzie (Caerphilly).
Representatives: Drs. W. B. Crawford Treasure and Fitzgerald.

Annual Representative Meeting.—The Report of Council and Provisional Agenda were considered and the Representatives instructed.

War Emergency.—The question for facilitating the supply of medical men for military service was considered. Dr. E. E. BRIERLEY stated he had twice written to the D.D.M.S. and had received no reply.

Matters referred to Divisions.—It was unanimously resolved to support the recommendations of Council regarding fees for treatment of juvenile members of friendly societies and for medical examination for life insurance.

Vote of Thanks.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Dr. Brierley, the retiring chairman, for his past services.

SURREY BRANCH.

CROYDON DIVISION.

THE annual meeting of the Division was held at the Croydon General Hospital on July 6th.

Annual Report.—The annual report of the committee was received and adopted.

Election of Officers.—The following officers were appointed:

Chairman: A. C. Z. Cressy.
Vice-Chairman: J. A. Howard, M.D.
Honorary Secretaries: E. H. Willock, J.P., C. G. C. Scudamore.
Representative for Representative Meeting: E. H. Willock, J.P.
Deputy Representatives for Representative Meeting: E. J. C. Daniel, M.B., G. G. Genge, M.D.
Representatives on Branch Council: C. G. C. Scudamore, J. A. Howard, M.D.

Annual Representative Meeting.—The annual report of the Council (SUPPLEMENT, May 8th), together with the supplementary report (SUPPLEMENT, July 3rd), were considered. The Representative was instructed to support the Council's proposals with the exception of Recommendation H (SUPPLEMENT, May 8th, p. 186), referring to local ambulance services. It was resolved to suggest that the hour of seven should be substituted in each case for eight. With regard to the proposed amendment by the Wakefield, Pontefract, and Castleford Division (SUPPLEMENT, July 3rd, p. 17), it was resolved:

> That the Division instruct its Representative not to vote for the withdrawal of medical attendance on dependants of men on service, but to endeavour to obtain an arrangement whereby those attending necessitous cases in larger numbers may be relieved beyond a certain number, and that committees entrusted with the granting of cards have their attention drawn to the fact that it is only intended for necessitous cases.

YORKSHIRE BRANCH:

HARROGATE DIVISION.

A MEETING of the Harrogate Division was held at the Royal Baths on July 9th, when Dr. SHEPHERD BOYD was in the chair.

Members Serving.—On the motion of Dr. BAIN, seconded by Dr. MANTLE, it was resolved that the names of those other members who had since joined the R.A.M.C. be added to the former list—Drs. Bennett, Marr, Garrad, and Thomas.

Election of Officers.—The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Chairman: Dr. Mantle.
Vice-Chairman: Dr. Nimmo Watson.
Honorary Secretary: Dr. Gibson.
Representative for Representative Meetings: Dr. Hinsley Walker.
Representative for Branch Council: Dr. Gibson.
Committee: Drs. Daggett, Dimmock, Lever, Mackay, Solly, Bertram Watson, Crawford Watson, Greenwood, and Colonel Gibbon, P.M.O. (Ripon).

Honorary Members of Division.—It was resolved to elect as honorary members of the Division all medical officers attached in the Division and being members of the British Medical Association.

Votes of Sympathy.—Votes of sympathy were accorded to Mrs. Mouillot on the death of Dr. Mouillot and to the family of Dr. Collier (Ripon) on the double bereavement of both father and son.

BOMBAY BRANCH.

THE annual meeting of the Bombay Branch was held in the University Library on April 8th, when Lieutenant-Colonel ASHTON STREET, I.M.S., presided.

Election of Officers.—The following officers were elected:

President: The Hon. Surgeon-General R. W. Lyons, I.M.S.
Vice-Presidents: Lieutenant-Colonel Ashton Street, I.M.S.; Dr. R. Row, D.Sc.
Honorary Secretary and Treasurer: Dr. D. R. Bardi, F.R.C.S.I., I.M.S.
Branch Council: Lieutenant-Colonel L. F. Childe, I.M.S.; Lieutenant-Colonel S. C. Evans, I.M.S.; Dr. Sorab K. Nariman.

Dr. Sorab K. Engineer; Miss A. M. Benson, M.D.; Assistant-Surgeon Eruch S. Bharucha.

Representative in Representative Meeting: Lieutenant-Colonel L. F. Childe, I.M.S.

Annual Report.—The report of the Branch Council and the statement of accounts were received. The report gave particulars of the papers read and the cases shown at the clinical meetings, and the Council expressed its indebtedness to those members who had contributed to the success of the meetings.

Cases.—Lieutenant-Colonel ASHTON STREET, I.M.S., showed two cases of elephantiasis scroti; two kidney stones removed by him from a policeman—patient was shown; a peculiar tumour removed from the mesentery—calcified gland. Lieutenant-Colonel L. F. CHILDE, I.M.S., showed a case of primary lateral sclerosis with facial palsy.

Association Notices.

BRANCH AND DIVISION MEETINGS TO BE HELD.

NORTH OF ENGLAND BRANCH.—Dr. James Don, Honorary Secretary, 1, Grove Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, gives notice that the annual meeting of the Branch, which will be purely a business meeting, will be held at the Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, on Tuesday, August 10th, at 3.30 p.m.

CONDUCT OF PRACTICE OF PRACTITIONERS ON WAR SERVICE.

SUGGESTED RULES.

THE following rules for the conduct of practice as between practitioners at home and practitioners absent on whole or part time war service have been adopted by the Kingston-on-Thames Division of the Surrey Branch of the British Medical Association:

1. That any practitioner called away on duty in connexion with the war be invited in the first instance to make his own arrangements for the carrying on of his practice and to notify the Honorary Secretary of the Division of the same.

2. That if he be unable to make such private arrangements he shall also notify the Honorary Secretary of the Division.

3. That in the latter case the arrangements for carrying on the absent practitioner's practice shall be left in the hands of trustees appointed by practitioners in the district as represented at this meeting, the trustees to be empowered to add to their number and to employ necessary legal and clerical help, all expenses for the same being defrayed by the funds due to the practitioners for whom they are acting or have acted, in proportion to the work done for each, as far as possible.

4. That in any case the medical practitioners in the area covered by the Kingston-on-Thames Division of the British Medical Association will attend, so far as they are able, any patients belonging to the absent practitioner for him in his absence, and will decline to continue to attend them after his return until one year has elapsed, and then only if released by written word from the practitioner, the application for such release not coming from the acting practitioner or his representative.

5 (*a*) When a practitioner absent on whole or part time service has made private arrangements for the carrying on of his practice and a patient of his is seen by a practitioner outside these arrangements, such acting practitioner shall receive one-half of the fees paid by the patient for such attendance, the accounts being rendered to the accredited representative of the absent practitioner at least quarterly, and the obligation of collecting the same resting with him. As regards the supply of medicine, when the absent practitioner has a dispenser the prescriptions shall be sent to him, but if the acting practitioner supply medicines he shall receive five-eighths of the fees instead of one-half and the entire charges for repeated medicines.

5 (*b*) When the practitioner absent on whole or part time service has no representative except the aforesaid trustees, the acting practitioner shall collect the fees and pay three-eighths to the trustees, for them to hold on behalf of the absent practitioner, retaining five-eighths for the work done, as well as the entire charges for repeated medicines.

6. As regards panel patients, when a practitioner absent on service has made private arrangements for the carrying on of his practice, his panel patients shall conform to these arrangements, but if any of them apply to another practitioner outside these arrangements that practitioner may attend such patients on his own terms.

7. Where a practitioner, absent on service, has made no arrangements for attendance on his panel patients, any practitioner who attends such patients shall receive 1s. for such attendance, and shall keep a record card for each patient and make a return quarterly to the representative of the absent practitioner or to the trustees if there be no representative, and such record cards shall be an account of the amount due from the absent practitioner to the acting practitioner.

8. That no transfer of panel patients on the list of a practitioner absent on service shall be accepted by any other practitioner until a year has elapsed after his return.

9. That all questions of doubt or difficulty shall be referred to a committee consisting of the aforesaid trustees and the Executive Committee of the Kingston-on-Thames Division of the British Medical Association.

BOND.

I, the undersigned, having read the above rules, which have been approved by a meeting of the medical practitioners of the area of the Kingston-on-Thames Division of the British Medical Association, and fully understanding the purpose for which they have been drawn up, do hereby consent to them and pledge myself to abide by them faithfully and honourably.

Three trustees under the scheme, Dr. H. Cooper (Surbiton), Dr. A. E. Evans (Kingston Hill), Dr. R. N. Goodman (Kingston-on-Thames), were elected at a meeting on May 11th. Up to the end of July 13th the bond had been signed by sixty-three practitioners.

LOCAL MEDICAL AND PANEL COMMITTEES.

LONDON.

PANEL COMMITTEE.

The Constitution of the Committee.

AT the first meeting of the newly elected Panel Committee for the County of London on July 20th Dr. H. J. CARDALE was reappointed to the chair, Dr. J. A. ANGUS to the vice-chair, and, subject to his being co-opted a member, Dr. Lauriston Shaw to the treasurership. The motion to co-opt members, however, was subsequently referred back, so that the Chairman acts as treasurer for the time being. A motion was before the meeting, in the name of Dr. Cardale, providing that, in addition to the three subcommittees hitherto appointed, there should be a fourth, consisting of the chairmen and vice-chairmen of the Panel Committee and of the other three subcommittees. This new subcommittee would represent the full committee on deputations, and would also have power to act on its behalf in all matters which would not permit of delay. The motion was seconded by Dr. MAJOR GREENWOOD, but Dr. ALFRED SALTER objected that the proposal was a deliberate attempt to introduce a Cabinet system of government. There was no guarantee that the emergency powers would not be used without warrant or authorization. It was the policy of the Insurance bureaucracy to insist that important decisions should be made within a very limited space of time, and such a subcommittee would exactly serve the purpose of that bureaucracy. In any case it would be possible to summon the whole Panel Committee within twenty-four or forty-eight hours. Believing their democratic basis to be in peril, he moved an amendment negativing the proposal; this was supported by Dr. C. H. PRING and others, and carried by a large majority.

To the proposal for the co-option of eleven non-panel members, Dr. SALTER also offered opposition. As illustrating one danger of such a procedure, he pointed out that very often the meetings were prolonged until late in the afternoon, and many panel doctors had to leave early, while those co-opted members, being more leisured, would remain, and, it was possible, would exercise a controlling influence. Dr. MAJOR GREENWOOD, on the other hand, thought that the Panel Committee should be made as representative as possible, and Dr. ANGUS asked how they could complain of the action of the British Medical Association, or of any other outside body, if they proceeded to boycott other branches of the profession in the way suggested by Dr. Salter. On being put to the vote, however, it was agreed, by 21 to 15, that the question of co-option be referred back to the Finance and General Purposes Subcommittee.

The Remuneration of Practitioners.

A report was presented by the members of the deputation appointed at the last meeting to confer with the London Insurance Committee as to the defects in the registration of insured persons and their effect upon the remuneration of practitioners. A memorandum was also presented which had been placed before the Insurance Committee with regard to the defects in the London register and the means to be adopted by the Panel Committee, the approved societies, and the Insurance Committee respectively to remove the difficulties. Dr. ANGUS moved and Dr. A. REID seconded a motion concurring in the proposal of the Insurance Committee to make to each practitioner on the panel, during the third quarter of 1915, two payments, in advance of the amount due to him, at the rate of 6d. for each capitation fee credited to him in accordance with the Medical Benefit Registers, 1913.

Dr. SALTER moved as an amendment that the Panel Committee decline to agree with the reduction in the rate of payment, and that the matter be referred to the subcommittee for further consideration and report to a special meeting of the whole Panel Committee. No shred of evidence had been put forward that anything like such a proportion as one-third of the insured persons had enlisted. It was preposterous, especially when they remembered how many of the insured were women. Before the practitioners of London were compelled to submit to such a serious reduction in their incomes as this, they should approach the Government.

Several members spoke in support of Dr. Salter's opinion, one of them advocating a strike, but, on being put to the vote, the amendment was negatived by 28 to 10. Dr. SALTER insisted that the names of the members with their votes should be placed on record, and this was done.

Dispensing Fees at Half-Rates.

Dr. R. J. FARMAN moved, and it was agreed:

That, subject to the Pharmaceutical Committee agreeing that the mixtures are capable of being stocked in bulk without deterioration, the Panel Committee do select ten mixtures from the London Insurance Pharmacopoeia, in respect of which dispensing fees at half the rates set forth in the drug tariff shall be allowed; that the Insurance and Pharmaceutical Committees be so informed, and that the Insurance Committee be asked to give the requisite notice to persons supplying drugs and appliances of the intention to apply those rates as from September 1st, 1915.

ESSEX.

LOCAL MEDICAL AND PANEL COMMITTEES.

SINCE the last report (SUPPLEMENT, April 17th, p. 136) three regular meetings and several subcommittee meetings have been held, and the Secretary has, as member of deputations from British Medical Association, interviewed the Commissioners on one or two important matters.

Continuance in Office till 1916.—The same Committees will hold office till July, 1916, having, in consequence of almost insuperable difficulties in the way of holding elections in the twenty-one panel areas, requested the Commissioners to be allowed to remain in office, any vacancies being filled in the way usual to casual vacancies.

The matters dealt with during the three months are briefly:

Referees.—The Commissioners have been again requested to appoint referees.

Prescriptions.—Surcharging has been avoided for 1914, the Pharmaceutical Committee having agreed to all further inquiry being confined to 1915, and for prescriptions to be dealt with fortnightly, they being satisfied that the system of private letters to practitioners by the panel secretary has been satisfactory in the past, and is likely to reduce unnecessary expense in future.

Pharmacopoeia.—The National Health Insurance Pharmacopoeia was issued in June, and has met with much appreciation among practitioners and pharmacists. Suggestions for improvements in next edition will be appreciated by the Secretary.

Certification.—The Commissioners were asked if possible to remove the differences between 211/I.C. and A.S./156, so as to avoid societies trying to obtain certificates upon certain dates. Any day between fourth and eighth day are available to the practitioner, who cannot be forced to sign the second certificate before the eighth day.

Medical Representatives upon Insurance Committee.—The suggestion that these should be named by the panel practitioners of the various areas and a list compiled, from which the Panel and Local Medical Committees should nominate representatives to be appointed by Commissioners and county council, was approved. The next election will be in 1916, of which due notice will be given.

"Rep. Mist."—It was decided that "Rep. mist." should only hold good from the first to the last day of any month, after which the original prescription should be rewritten. The Pharmacists and Insurance Committee having agreed to group "scrips" under doctors' names as from June 1st, it is hoped the great expense of analysis will be avoided and checking facilitated. The system now runs: (*a*) Priced prescriptions in Pharmacopoeia save pricing and checking each item; (*b*) prescriptions grouped under doctors' names facilitate reference and avoid analysis; and (*c*) enable secretary to trace expensive items fortnightly and write to the practitioner, which it is hoped will avoid, as in 1914, the unpleasant process of surcharging, which has caused considerable disturbance, with appeals (and consequent cost) in other areas.

Payments for 1913.—The absence of details of the payment for 1913 has been pointed out to the Insurance Committee, who has been asked to give the amounts for panel service, unallotted, dispensing, and temporary residents.

WEST HAM.

PANEL PRACTITIONERS' MEETING.

A MEETING of practitioners on the West Ham panel was held at the Stratford Town Hall on June 29th.

Annual Report.—The annual report of the Panel Committee was received and adopted.

Election of Panel Committee.—The new Panel Committee to come into office on July 15th, 1915, was elected as follows: Drs. Beadles, Cannan, Challans, Darlow, Dayus, Duffy, Fairfax, Frederick, Grogono, Hay, Kennedy, McCormack, Nelson, Panting, Reid, Rose, J. Russell, Lilian Simpson, Taylor, Watkin, and Welply.

Appeals against Surcharging.—It was resolved that when a practitioner is surcharged by the West Ham Insurance Committee and appeals to the Insurance Commissioners the Panel Committee should have a representative at that appeal. It was also resolved that the treasurer of the Panel Committee should pay such representative the sum of 3 guineas per day out of the Panel Committee's funds.

COUNTY OF SURREY.

PANEL COMMITTEE.

THE monthly meeting of the County of Surrey Panel Committee was held at Surbiton Cottage Hospital on June 18th, when Dr. LANKESTER was in the chair.

Pharmacopoeia.—It was decided to inform the Pharmaceutical Committee that the prices in the Pharmacopoeia are placed there as a guide to practitioners in economical prescribing, and not as a guarantee to the chemist that the prices are correct.

Expenses of Pharmaceutical Committee.—It was decided not to support the application of the Pharmaceutical Committee that the expenses of that committee be paid out of the Drug Fund.

Range of Medical Services.—It was decided to inform the County Committee that the examination of the eyes was work that should be undertaken by a specialist, or one specially trained for such work.

Practitioners' Lists.—The Secretary was instructed to inform both the Insurance Commissioners and the County Committee that as six months had now elapsed since the end of 1914, practitioners' lists should now be corrected up to that period, and the proper credits made to the County Committee.

Prescribing for Insured Persons in Hospitals.—It was decided to ask all hospitals in the county what arrangements were made for prescribing for insured persons in those institutions.

Joint Committee for Checking Prescriptions. — Drs. Morton Mackenzie, Lyndon, and Cran were appointed to serve on the Joint Committee for the checking of prescriptions.

LIVERPOOL.

PANEL COMMITTEE.

A MEETING of the Liverpool Panel Committee was held at the Medical Institution on June 29th, when Mr. F. C. LARKIN was in the chair.

Allocation of Surplus Funds.—A letter was read from the Medical Secretary of the British Medical Association in reference to Clause VI of the agreement as to the allocation of surplus funds. It was resolved that action by the Panel Committee with regard to Clause VI be deferred for the present.

Conference of Local Medical and Panel Committees.—Dr. ALLEN, who had acted as representative at the conference of Local Medical and Panel Committees, gave a report of the proceedings.

Revised Formulary.—A revised formulary, which had been drawn up by the Subcommittee appointed to consider this subject, was considered and amended.

The Committee met again on July 6th, when Mr. F. C. LARKIN was in the chair.

"*Rep. Mist.*"—Dr. PARKINSON reported the result of his appeal to the Commissioners in reference to "Rep. mist.," and it was resolved that no action be taken by the Committee until the conference suggested by the Commissioners between Dr. Parkinson and the administrative officer had taken place.

Election of the Committee.—The nominations for the forthcoming election of the Panel Committee were considered, and it was resolved that the nomination and re-election of the members of the present Committee should, if possible, be effected.

COUNTY OF LANARK.

LOCAL MEDICAL AND PANEL COMMITTEES.

A MEETING of the Local Medical and Panel Committees for the County of Lanark was held on June 30th at Glasgow, when Dr. W. G. MACPHERSON (Bothwell) was in the chair.

Domiciliary Treatment.—A communication was read from the County of Lanark Pharmaceutical Insurance Committee, and it was agreed at the first opportunity to issue a circular to doctors regarding domiciliary treatment.

Doctors' Prescriptions for April.—A communication was submitted from the County of Lanark Pharmaceutical Insurance Committee regarding the various prescriptions issued by doctors in April last. It was agreed to communicate with the doctors concerned.

Conference of Representatives of Local Medical and Panel Committees.—Dr. THOMSON (Uddingston) and Dr. GRANT (Blantyre) reported on the business transacted at the recent Conference, and were thanked for their services.

Secretary.—A vote of appreciation on the gallantry of the Secretary of the Committee, Major McKenzie, 1/6th Cameronians (Scottish Rifles), who had been wounded while with his battalion charging the German trenches, was unanimously passed, along with the expression of a hope for his speedy and complete recovery.

INSURANCE COMMITTEES.

EDINBURGH.

Administrative Work, 1914–15.

A REPORT on the administrative work of the Edinburgh Insurance Committee from April, 1914, to July, 1915, has been issued. It states that the machinery of medical benefit is working smoothly. In January, 1913, the Committee had on its register 103,634 insured persons; at the date of report the number was 119,767. A scheme was prepared and agreed upon for the assignment of insured persons requiring a doctor. It was rendered necessary by the fact that many insured persons did not take the precaution to select a panel doctor until they found themselves ill and requiring medical benefit. The parliamentary divisions of the city had been taken as a basis for fixing the areas under which the assignment scheme would operate, and doctors on the panel list had each been placed in one of these areas or divisions, having due regard to the place of residence of the doctor and to the need for having a distribution of doctors over the respective areas in proportion to the insured population of each such area. In the East Division there were 30 doctors, in the West Division 24, in the Central Division 29, and in the South Division 31. Since the outbreak of war twenty-one members of the medical panel had gone on army service, one of whom (Dr. J. M. Bowie) was wounded while tending wounded soldiers in a field hospital. He is now happily recovering. The panel lists of doctors on army service amounted in the aggregate to 16,280 persons.

For the years 1913 and 1914 the "floating sixpence" had been saved for the doctors. The highest number of insured persons on the panel list of any one doctor in Edinburgh in 1913 was 2,989, and in 1914, 3,025, and the lowest number 53. The number of surgery attendances was 193,956 in 1914, against 157,079 in 1913; and the number of visits at patients' own homes was 80,938, as against 78,306. The highest number of attendances and visits made by any one doctor in Edinburgh was 10,999, as compared with 9,181; and the lowest number was 84, as against 74. The highest sum paid to any one doctor in Edinburgh was £1,104 8s. 5d., as against £1,062 14s. 1d.; and the lowest sum was £45 11s. 8d., as against £94 1s. 1d. The highest average paid to any one doctor for each attendance or visit was 5s. 6d. in 1914, and the lowest average was 1s. 8d. The general average paid for each attendance or visit was 2s. 8d., compared with 3s. 4d. in 1913. The payments made to panel practitioners for the year to December 31st, 1914, amounted to £30,802 3s. 2d., while the "floating sixpence," distributed in the ratio of one-fourteenth of each doctor's total remuneration for the year, amounted to £2,200 3s.; and the unallocated money for the half-year to July 12th, 1914, distributed among doctors according to the approved scheme, was £1,421 5s. 3d. In addition to the above payments, there remained to be distributed among the doctors a further sum of £2,046 0s. 7d., being the balance of unallocated money in the panel fund for the year 1914.

The total number of insurance prescriptions dispensed in the Committee's area for the year 1913 was 149,289; for the year 1914, 156,460. The total amounts of accounts paid in respect of these prescriptions were, for 1913, £6,398 13s. 10d., and for 1914, £6,898 2s. 6d. The bonuses paid to chemists and appliance dealers in respect of the year 1913 amounted to £1,278 13s. 6d., being 20 per cent. of the amounts of their accounts. A first bonus, amounting to £320, had been paid for the year 1914, and it was anticipated that a further bonus would be available out of additional credits yet to be advised by the Insurance Commissioners. The average cost per prescription for the year 1913 was 10.28d.; for 1914, 10.58d. The rate of cost per person for 1913, 1s. 4¾d.; for 1914, 1s. 5d.

The report goes on to discuss the negotiations between the Town Council and the Insurance Committee in relation to sanatorium benefit to dependants of insured persons. The matter is still pending, but the report states that the work is carried on efficiently in the meantime, and it is expected that an understanding will be reached shortly.

CORRESPONDENCE.

DEDUCTIONS FOR SOLDIERS.

PANEL DOCTOR writes: In reference to the Conference of Representatives of Local Medical and Panel Committees—the discussions at which were detailed in the SUPPLEMENT of June 26th—on pages 330 to 331, under "Termination of Agreements," a statement was made by the representative from Gloucestershire that those serving with the colours had been practically deducted twice over, and the Chairman stated: "It was not certainly the common practice throughout the country to deduct soldiers twice."

I think this point ought to be inquired into and definitely fixed, because in the important county in which I reside and practise, since last autumn I have had 15 per cent. deducted for soldiers who have joined the army, and, taking only this last six months into consideration, I have had removed from this cause more than 50. I should consider that altogether, what between *en bloc* and detailed removals, I have had over 20 per cent. deduction made to me on this account. This is, of course, in addition to the other deductions of 10 per cent., etc.

If the Chairman is right that it is not the common practice, may I ask who is responsible for these most important deductions in the quarterly advances? Is it the clerks and their committees? Or is it the Commissioners?

In view of the delay in the settlement for 1913 and the rumours that there is to be no settlement because there is no money, it is a most important thing that each practitioner obtains payment every quarter on his full value and leaves as "little as possible" to the "as soon as possible,"

which appears to me to be another phrase equivalent to "systematic indefiniteness." In Spain they sentence a prisoner to a term of imprisonment—say, five years—and one day. Sometimes the prisoner, if he excites the ill-will of the gaolers, will find "that day" prolonged into a lifetime.

Naval and Military Appointments.

ROYAL NAVAL MEDICAL SERVICE.

THE following appointments are announced by the Admiralty: Staff Surgeon G. P. Adshead, M.B., to the *Victory*, additional. Surgeons D. G. Arthur to the *Collren*, additional; P. L. Gibson, M.B., and A. R. Fisher to the *Egmont*, additional, for Malta Hospital, additional, to be lent to the hospital ships *Soudan* and *Rewa*, respectively. Temporary Surgeons B. Sampson to the *Benbow*, vice Fisher; T. C. StC. Morton to the *Victory*, additional; J. R. Barrow-Clough to the *Pembroke*, additional, for disposal; G. S. Stathers to the *Vivid*, additional, for disposal; C. R. T. Thomson, M.B., to the *Swiftsure*, vice Beaton; C. A. Ellis to the *Canopus*, vice Vlasto; T. Beaton, M.D., and M. Vlasto to the *Egmont*, additional, for Malta Hospital, additional, and to be lent to the hospital ships *Rewa* and *Soudan*, respectively; J. N. McB. Ross, M.B., C. E. Leake, M.B., J. F. M. Campbell, M.B., A. S. Mackie, M.B., M. K. Cooper, M.B., to the *Victory*, additional, for Haslar Hospital.

ROYAL NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE.

To be temporary Surgeon: E. A. Cockayne. Surgeon Probationers R. P. Crawford to the *Hind*, vice Stoney; D. J. Adams-Lewis to the *Earnest*, vice Harrison; R. Hall to the *Milge*, vice Muirhead; T. Scott to the *Brisk*, vice Riggall; J. M. Macpherson to the *Itchen*, vice Alcock; J. W. Scharff to the *Digby*, vice Haynes. To be Surgeon Probationers: J. H. Blackburn, A. Joe, D. McEachran, A. Currie, C. Craig, A. MacRae.

ARMY MEDICAL SERVICE.

Surgeon-General H. R. Whitehead, C.B., F.R.C.S., is retained on the active list and to be supernumerary.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

To be temporary Captains: E. H. Starling, M.D., E. P. Dickin, M.D., temporary Lieutenants H. V. Leigh, M.B., late Captain 1/5th Battalion (T.) Welsh Regiment; H. Fulham-Turner, late Captain R.A.M.C. (Vols.), Home District, London Companies; W. D. Chambers, M.D., late Captain 7th Battalion Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers; H. R. Bramwell, M.B.; O. Challis, late Captain R.A.M.C.; J. R. Bibby, M.B., late Surgeon-Captain Gloucestershire Royal Garrison Artillery (Vols.); temporary Lieutenant J. J. Abraham, M.D., F.R.C.S.; temporary Lieutenant L. B. Caue, M.D., Captain R.A.M.C., T.F. Reserve (substituted for notification published in the *London Gazette* of April 15th); temporary Lieutenant J. H. Blakeney, late Surgeon-Captain 1st Worcester and Warwick Artillery Volunteers.

The appointments to commissions for service in the Duchess of Westminster's War Hospital, Welsh Hospital (Netley), Red Cross Hospital (Netley), Australian Voluntary Hospital, and Liverpool Merchants' Mobile Hospital, with the exception of Lieutenant-Colonels W. L'E. Eames and H. S Peeke, should have been described as temporary honorary commissions, and not as in the various *London Gazette* announcements.

The names of Maxwell J. Fraser, M.D., and Richard H. Rigby are as now described, and not as stated in the *London Gazette* of April 21st and June 15th respectively.

The following officers of the Canadian Army Medical Corps to be temporary Lieutenants: Captains H. G. Coulthard, M.B., L. A. C. Panton, M.B.; Lieutenants N. E. MacDougall, M.D., M. J. Vigneux, M.D., J. D. Adamson, M.D., W. W. Kennedy, M.B., R. Ingram, M.B., O. E. Finch, M.B., W. H. Lambert.

J. P. S. Dun, M.B., to be temporary Lieutenant whilst serving with the British Red Cross Hospital, Netley.

Temporary Lieutenant D. B. Pascall, M.B., having ceased to serve with the British Red Cross Hospital, Netley, relinquishes his commission.

To be temporary Lieutenants: A. S. Gillett, R. Vincent, M.D., A. M. Roome, A. D. Crawford, F. F. Craig, M.B., T. Bell, M.D., T. L. Davies, A. H. Style, M.D., H. E. Rawlence, M.B., F.R.C.S.E., H. H. Serpell, A. Campbell, M.B., C. Averill, M.B., D. G. Wishart, M.B., J. E. Healey, M.B, E. W. Goble, A. G. Anderson, M.D., D. R. Jones, F. W. Hanratty, R. W. L. Wallace, M.D., A. C. Rowswell, M.B, W. S. Thacker, M.D., F.R.C.S.E., H. B. Shillingford, T. F. Wilson, M.B., J. J. H. Ferguson, M.B., D. B. Pascall, M.B., J. D. Hart, M.B., J. F. J. Herbert, M.B., W. Fell, M.D., F. I. MacKinnon, M.B., T. C. Reeves, R. Le G. Worsley, F. G. W. Deane, F.R.C.S.E., C. G. Galpin, M.B., R. Bruce-Low, J. C. McKerrow, M.D., N. Dunn, M.B., J. S. E. Selby, W. D. Murray, M.B., T. P. Seymour, C. A. Purnell, M.B., E. K. Gawn, M.D., D. Gillespie, M.D., J. W. Pettinger, M.B., B. B. Gough, H. M. MacGill, M.D., W. S. Finch, R. J. Harris, H. F. Holmden, M.B., F.R.C.S.E., C. G. Monro, M.B., H. G. Dressing, C. Ede, M.B., J. H. K. Sykes, A. L. E. F. Coleman, M.D., C. K. McKerrow, M.B., J. T. Myles, M.D., F.R.C.S.I., E. Faulks, H. J. Hoile, M.B., J. I. Arnold, A. F. M. Mullane, M.B., F. P. Kennedy, V. E. Badcock, M.D., R. Fell, J. J. L. Ferris, M.B., W. H. Scott, Hans H. Sloane, E. R. Fothergill, M.B., J. B. T. Keswick, M.B., L. Game, W. T. Williamson, W. MacLeod, M.B., A. Mathieson, M.B., W. S. B. Hay, M.B., D. Fletcher, D. A. Donald, M.B., F. T. Simpson, M.B., J. Landman, M.D., H. L. Dixon, M.D., T. L. Fleming, M.B, S. MacCormac, M.B., C. B. Wainwright, M.B., T. W. Buckley, M.D, D. Thomas, F.R.C.S., F. W. Doak, R. A. H. Fulton, M.B., H. W. Sinclair, M.D., N. S. Whitton, M.B., C. N. Cobbett, M.D., C. C. Worster-Drought, M.B., H. Kirkland-Whittaker, M.D., H. C. Mulholland, M.B., D. C. McArdle, M.B., R. D. Laurie, M.B., R. J. H. Cox, M.B., J. McGrath, M.B., R. L. Crabb, M.D., F. L. Apperley, F. Murphy, J. J. G. Pritchard, F. S. B. Fletcher, M.B., H. H. Sampson, M.B., F.R.C.S, S. H. Pitcairn, T. Marlin, M.D., C. F. Fothergill, M.B., A. Shearer, M.B., R W. Valentine, M.B., E. G. B. Starkie, M.D., A. H. Walker, M.D., H. D. Everington, M.B., J. F. C. Haslam, M.B., A. G. W. Thomson, M.B., W. J. Robertson, M.B., R. Clark, M.B., H. E. Humphrys, M.B., W. G. Fee, P. J. Barry, E. J. Chambers, W. Campbell, M.B., W. S. Badger, M.B., P. Daly, A. H. Flannery, M.B., J. W. O'Brien, M.B., R. M. MacLennan, M B., L. P. Black, M.B., A. T. Moon, F.R.C.S., W. G. Shand, M.B., H. H. Warren, M.B, A. G. Graham, H. Quigley, M.B., A. E. Townley, M.B., I. Agilvil, M.B., N. F. Norman, W. H. Wishart, M.B., H. Gray, H. C. Wood-Hill, A. Ramsay, M.B., J. Pirie, M.D., A. M. Watts, M.D., F. W. Lyle, M.D., W. S. Pratt, M.D., J. E. A. Underwood, B. Lyons, M.B., J. P. Duncan, M.B., H. P. Gaston. R. Sterling, M.B.

SPECIAL RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

Lieutenants G. G. Cooper, M.B., W. J. Webster, M.B., and Eric Jamieson, M.B., are confirmed in their rank.

J. D. Proud, M.B., to be Lieutenant on probation.

INDIAN MEDICAL SERVICE.

Lieutenant-Colonel C. C. S. Barry has been appointed to be a Companion of the Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire.

The following officers of the retired list are re-employed for the period of the war: Colonel H. StC. Carruthers, Lieutenant-Colonels W. E. Scott Moncrieff, M.D., F.R.C.S.E., P. C. Gabbett, P. P. Kilkelly, M.B., H. Thomson, M.D., C. F. Fearnside, M.B., G. E. Fooks, K. Prasad, M.B., A. V. Anderson, M.B., R. Shore, M.D., D. P. Warliker, J. C. Lamont, M.B., C. N. Bensley, Majors N. P. Sinsha, C. Thomson, M.B., T. E. Watson, M.B., C. H. L. Palk, M.B., F.R.C.S.E., Surgeon-Captain G. C. Hall.

Major J. C. Robertson, C.I.E., has resigned his office of additional member of the Legislative Council of the Governor-General.

The services of Lieutenant-Colonel H. B. Melville, M.B., are replaced at the disposal of the United Provinces.

Major R. A. Lloyd, M.D., relinquished the temporary rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

TERRITORIAL FORCE.

ARMY MEDICAL SERVICES.

Lieutenant-Colonel P. C. Burgess, from South-Eastern Mounted Brigade Field Ambulance, to be Assistant Director of Medical Services, 2nd Mounted (Reserve) Division, with the temporary rank of Colonel.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

1st London (City of London) Field Ambulance.—Captain E. L. Rowse, M.D., to be temporary Major.

2nd London Casualty Clearing Station.—To be Lieutenants: C. H. J. Fagan, J. C. W. Methven.

2nd London (City of London) General Hospital.—Major W. H. Battle, F.R.C.S., to be Lieutenant-Colonel. Captains to be Majors: Jonathan Hutchinson, F.R.C.S., H. B Robinson, M.D., F.R.C.S., F. J. Steward, F.R.C.S., C. H. Fagge, M.B., F.R.C.S. H. F. Lancaster, to be Captain, whose services will be available on mobilization.

3rd London General Hospital.—R. P. Nunnis, M.B., to be Lieutenant.

1st Home Counties Field Ambulance.—Lieutenants to be temporary Captains: D. M. Johnston, M.B., C. W. Greene, M.B., F.R.C.S. To be Lieutenant: A. L. Sharpin.

South Midland Divisional Sanitary Section.—W. H. Davison, M.B., to be Lieutenant.

1st Eastern General Hospital.—O. Inchley to be Lieutenant.

2nd Eastern General Hospital.—Lieutenant-Colonel E. F. Maynard, M.D., is seconded for duty with a General Hospital.

1st Western General Hospital.—Major E. A. Browne, F.R.C.S., relinquishes his commission.

2nd Western General Hospital.—Major F. H. Westmacott, F.R.C.S., to be Lieutenant-Colonel on the permanent personnel; Captain E. N. Cunliffe, M.D., to be Major on the permanent personnel; Major A. Wilson, F.R.C.S., to be temporarily placed on the permanent personnel.

3rd Southern General Hospital.—Lieutenants to be Captains whose services will be available on mobilization: F. G. Gardner, J. A. Gunn, M.D.

1st Welsh Field Ambulance.—Captain F. J. Green, M.D., from Attached to Units other than Medical Units, to be Captain.

3rd Northern General Hospital.—J. Stokes, M.D, to be Lieutenant.

1st West Lancashire Field Ambulance.—W. H. Broad, M.D., late Captain 6th Rifle Battalion King's Liverpool Regiment.

2nd West Lancashire Field Ambulance.—Surgeon-Captain F. W. Bailey, from 3rd West Lancashire Brigade R.F.A., to be Captain. Lieutenant R. G. Wills, from Attached to Units other than Medical Units, to be Lieutenant.

Attached to Units other than Medical Units.—Surgeon-Major D. G. Newton, M.B., F.R.C.S., from 4th (Hallamshire) Battalion, York and Lancaster Regiment, to be Major. Captain D. W. C. Jones, M.D., to be temporary Major. To be Captains: J. M. Johnstone, M.B, late Captain 8th (Lanark) Battalion, Highland Light Infantry; Charles Tweedy, late Surgeon-Lieutenant 1st Volunteer Battalion (Alexandra, Princess of Wales's Own) Yorkshire Regiment. Lieutenants W. J. Cruickshank, M.B., and T. C. Hunter resign their commissions on account of ill-health. To be Lieutenants: J. McGregor, D. T. Corke.

Vital Statistics.

EPIDEMIC MORTALITY IN LONDON.

[SPECIALLY REPORTED FOR THE "BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL."]

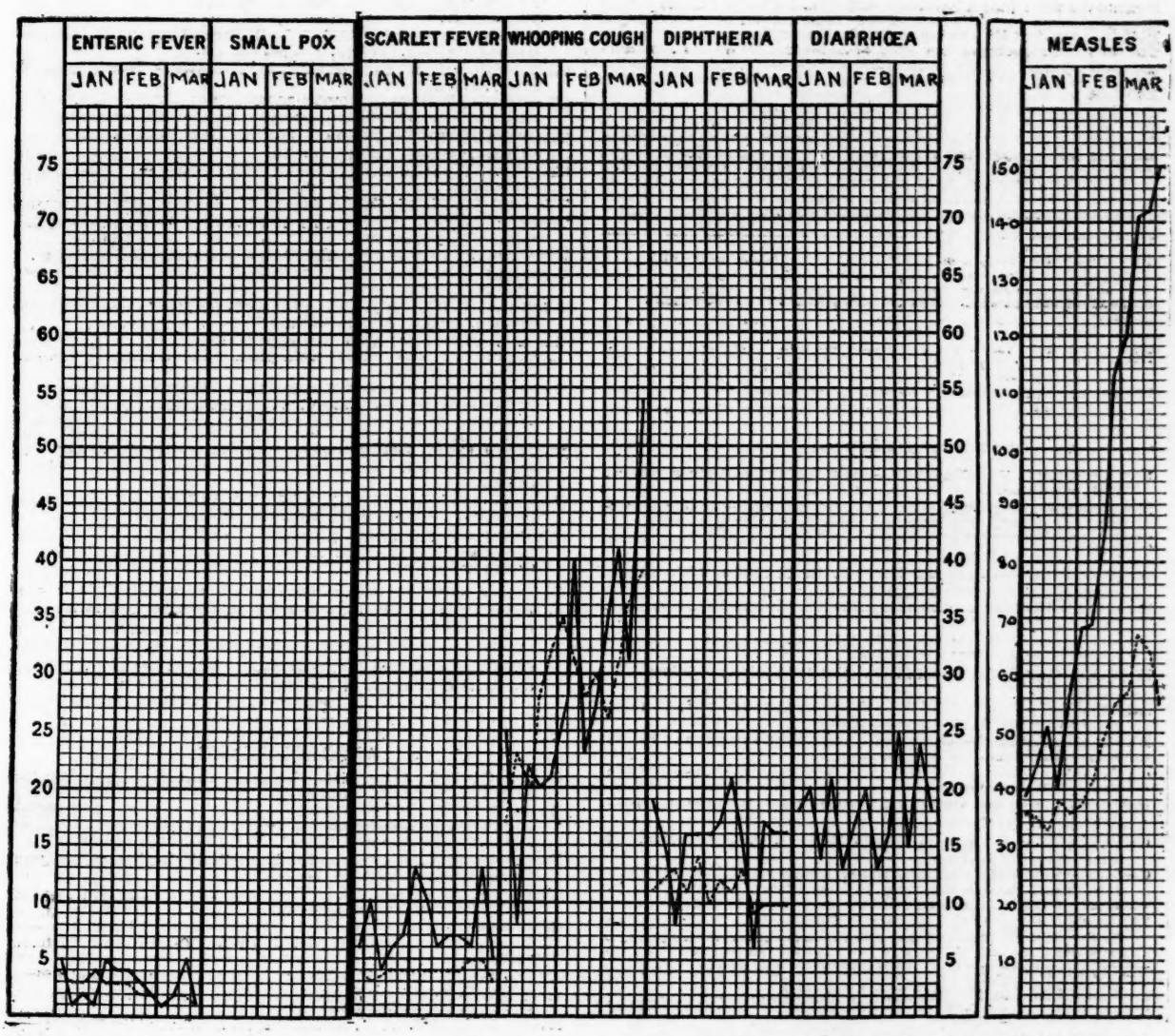
THE accompanying diagram shows the prevalence of the principal epidemic diseases in London during the first quarter of the year. The fluctuations of each disease and its relative fatality, compared with the average in the corresponding quarter of recent years, can thus be readily seen, except in the case of diarrhoea and enteritis among children under 2 years of age, for which the average mortality is not available.

Enteric Fever.—The fatal cases of enteric fever, which had been 32, 36, and 32 in the three preceding quarters, rose again in the quarter under notice to 37, and were 4 above the corrected average number in the corresponding period of the five preceding years. This disease was proportionally most fatal last quarter in Paddington, Fulham, Poplar, Battersea, Deptford, Greenwich, and Woolwich. The Metropolitan Asylums Hospitals contained 46 enteric fever patients at the end of the quarter, against 40, 57, and 68 at the end of the three preceding quarters; 113 new cases were admitted during the quarter, against 88, 109, and 126 in the three preceding quarters.

Small-pox.—Three fatal cases of small-pox, all belonging to Fulham, were registered in the quarter; 9 small-pox patients were admitted to the Metropolitan Asylums Hospitals during the quarter, and 3 remained under treatment at the end of the quarter.

Measles.—The deaths from measles, which had been 346, 412, and 479 in the three preceding quarters, further rose in the quarter under notice to 1,120, and were 516 in excess of the corrected average; the greatest proportional mortality from this disease was recorded in Paddington, Kensington, Fulham, Bethnal Green, Southwark, Bermondsey, and Battersea.

DEATHS FROM EPIDEMIC DISEASES IN LONDON DURING THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1915.



NOTE.—The black lines show the recorded number of deaths from each disease during each week of the quarter. The dotted lines show the average number of deaths in the corresponding weeks of the five preceding years, 1910–14. Under the heading "Diarrhœa" are given the deaths from diarrhœa and enteritis among children under 2 years of age; the corrected average number of these deaths is not available.

Scarlet Fever.—The fatal cases of scarlet fever, which had been 69, 73, and 108 in the three preceding quarters, declined again in the quarter under notice to 100, but were 48 above the corrected average number; this disease was proportionally most fatal in Hammersmith, Fulham, Stoke Newington, Bethnal Green, Stepney, and Deptford. The number of scarlet fever patients under treatment in the Metropolitan Asylums Hospitals, which had been 3,045, 4,157, and 4,431 at the end of the three preceding quarters, had declined again to 2,514 at the end of the quarter under notice; 3,958 new cases were admitted during the quarter, against 4,731, 6,283, and 7,340 in the three preceding quarters.

Whooping-Cough.—The deaths from whooping-cough, which had been 310, 206, and 121 in the three preceding quarters, rose again in the quarter under notice to 378, but were slightly below the corrected average number. The greatest proportional mortality from this disease was recorded in Holborn, Finsbury, Bethnal Green, Bermondsey, Battersea, Deptford, and Greenwich.

Diphtheria.—The fatal cases of diphtheria, which had been 143, 138 and 214 in the three preceding quarters, declined again in the quarter under notice to 199, but were 53 in excess of the corrected average number. The highest death-rates from this disease occurred in St. Pancras, Islington, Holborn, Bethnal Green, Stepney, Battersea, and Woolwich. There were 1,352 diphtheria patients under treatment in the Metropolitan Asylums Hospitals at the end of the quarter, against 1,080, 1,295, and 1,663 at the end of the three preceding quarters; 2,038 new cases were admitted during the quarter, against 1,673, 1,975, and 2,728 in the three preceding quarters.

Diarrhœa.—The deaths under this heading are those attributed to diarrhœa and enteritis among children under 2 years of age; measured in proportion to the births registered during the quarter, the mortality from this cause was greatest in Hammersmith, the City of Westminster, Holborn, Shoreditch, Bethnal Green, Southwark, and Woolwich.

In conclusion, it may be stated that the aggregate mortality in the quarter under notice from these epidemic diseases, excluding diarrhœa, was 51.2 per cent. above the average.

HEALTH OF ENGLISH TOWNS.

IN ninety-six of the largest English towns, 7,681 births and 4,072 deaths were registered during the week ended Saturday, July 10th. The annual rate of mortality in these towns, which had been 12.4, 12.3, and 11.9 per 1,000 in the three preceding weeks, further fell to 11.7 per 1,000 in the week under notice. In London the death-rate was equal to 11.5, while among the ninety-five other large towns it ranged from 5.1 in Enfield, 5.6 in Tottenham, 6.3 in Norwich, 6.6 in Ealing, 7.2 in Croydon, and 7.4 in Ilford, to 16.8 in Wakefield, 17.3 in Derby, 17.5 in Gateshead, 17.6 in Stockton-on-Tees, 18.8 in West Bromwich, and 21.4 in Barrow. Measles caused a death-rate of 1.6 in Halifax, 1.7 in Derby, 2.1 in Bootle, 3.0 in West Bromwich, and 3.3 in Middlesbrough, and diphtheria of 1.0 in Oldham and 1.7 in Northampton. The mortality from the remaining infective diseases showed no marked excess in any of the large towns, and no fatal case of small-pox was registered during the week. The causes of 37, or 0.9 per cent., of the total deaths were not certified either by a registered medical practitioner or by a coroner; of this number, 6 were recorded in Gillingham, 6 in Gateshead, 5 in Liverpool, 4 in Birmingham, 3 in Manchester, and 2 in South Shields. The number of scarlet fever patients under treatment in the Metropolitan Asylums Hospitals and the London Fever Hospital, which had been 2,373, 2,422, and 2,446 at the end of the three preceding weeks, further rose to 2,471 on Saturday, July 10th; 322 new cases were admitted during the week, against 330, 332, and 348 in the three preceding weeks.

HEALTH OF SCOTTISH TOWNS.

IN the sixteen largest Scottish towns 1,052 births and 705 deaths were registered during the week ended Saturday, July 10th. The annual rate of mortality in these towns, which had been 15.7, 15.7, and 16.6 per 1,000 in the three preceding weeks, fell to 15.7 in the week under notice, but was 4.0 per 1,000 above the rate recorded in the ninety-six large English towns. Among the several towns the death-rate ranged from 8.5 in Kilmarnock, 8.8 in Perth, and 8.9 in Kirkcaldy, to 18.7 in Clydebank, 21.3 in Falkirk, and 23.3 in Ayr. The mortality from the principal infective diseases averaged 2.8 per 1,000, and was highest in Aberdeen and Falkirk. The 356 deaths from all causes in Glasgow included 57 from measles, 10 from whooping-cough, 5 from diphtheria, 5 from infantile diarrhœal diseases, 3 from scarlet fever, and 1 from enteric fever. Six deaths from measles were recorded in Aberdeen and 3 in Clydebank; from scarlet fever, 3 deaths in Edinburgh; from whooping-cough, 6 deaths in Aberdeen; and from diphtheria, 2 deaths in Edinburgh.

HEALTH OF IRISH TOWNS.

DURING the week ending Saturday, July 10th, 537 births and 309 deaths were registered in the twenty-seven principal urban districts of Ireland, as against 646 births and 387 deaths in the preceding period. These deaths represent a mortality of 13.3 per 1,000 of the aggregate population in the districts in question, as against 16.6 per 1,000 in the previous period. The mortality in these Irish areas was, therefore, 1.6 per 1,000 higher than the corresponding rate in the ninety-six English towns during the week ending on the same date. The birth-rate, on the other hand, was equal to 23.1 per 1,000 of population. As for mortality of individual localities, that in the Dublin registration area was 15.9 (as against an average of 16.9 for the previous four weeks), in Dublin city 15.7 (as against 17.0), in Belfast 10.0 (as against 13.2), in Cork 13.6 (as against 16.6), in Londonderry 16.5 (as against 17.7), in Limerick 21.7 (as against 15.9), and in Waterford 19.0 (as against 13.8). The zymotic death-rate was 1.2, as against 1.0 in the previous period.

Vacancies and Appointments.

NOTICES REGARDING APPOINTMENTS.—Attention is called to a Notice (see Index to Advertisements—Important Notice re Appointments) appearing in our advertisement columns, giving particulars of vacancies as to which inquiries should be made before application.

VACANCIES.

BETHNAL GREEN INFIRMARY.—Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £280 per annum.

BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND EYE HOSPITAL. — Junior House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum and £5 laundry allowance.

BIRMINGHAM GENERAL DISPENSARY.—Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £250 per annum.

BOLINGBROKE HOSPITAL, Wandsworth Common, S.W.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum.

BOLTON INFIRMARY AND DISPENSARY.—Second House-Surgeon. Salary, £200 per annum.

BOTHWELL: KIRKLANDS ASYLUM.—Resident Medical Superintendent. Salary, £400 per annum.

BRISTOL GENERAL HOSPITAL.—House-Physician. Salary, £150 per annum.

BRISTOL ROYAL INFIRMARY.—Honorary Surgeon, and, if necessary, an Honorary Assistant Surgeon.

BURY INFIRMARY.—Senior and Junior House-Surgeons. Salary, £250 and £150 per annum respectively.

CARDIFF: KING EDWARD VII HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £140 per annum.

CARDIFF: WELSH METROPOLITAN WAR HOSPITAL, Whitchurch.—(1) Resident Surgeon. (2) Resident Physician.

CHELTENHAM GENERAL HOSPITAL. — (1) House-Surgeon. (2) House-Physician. Salary, £125 per annum.

CROYDON COUNTY BOROUGH. — Assistant Medical Officer of Health and Assistant School Medical Officer. Salary, £350 per annum.

DEVONPORT: ROYAL ALBERT HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £150 per annum; 21s. allowed weekly for working single-handed.

EXETER: ROYAL DEVON AND EXETER HOSPITAL.—Assistant House-Surgeon. Salary, £150 per annum.

FOLKESTONE: ROYAL VICTORIA HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £150 per annum.

GREENOCK: SMITHSON POORHOUSE AND ASYLUM.—Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £200 per annum.

GUILDFORD: ROYAL SURREY COUNTY HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £150 per annum.

HOSPITAL FOR CONSUMPTION AND DISEASES OF THE CHEST, Brompton, S.W.—House-Physician. Honorarium, 30 guineas for six months.

HUDDERSFIELD COUNTY BOROUGH.—Assistant School Medical Officer. Salary, £300 per annum.

KING EDWARD VII'S HOSPITAL FOR OFFICERS, Grosvenor Gardens, S.W.—Resident Medical Officer.

LEAMINGTON SPA: WARNEFORD, LEAMINGTON, AND SOUTH WARWICKSHIRE HOSPITAL. — (1) Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £200 per annum. (2) Locumtenent Medical Officer.

LEEDS EDUCATION COMMITTEE.—School Dental Officer. Salary, £250 to £300 per annum.

LEEDS PUBLIC DISPENSARY.—Lady Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £130 per annum.

LONDON LOCK HOSPITAL, Harrow Road, W. — House-Surgeon. Salary, £130 per annum.

MANCHESTER CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL, Pendlebury.—Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £100 per annum, and £5 monthly war bonus.

MANCHESTER HOSPITAL FOR CONSUMPTION AND DISEASES OF THE THROAT AND CHEST, Bowdon.—Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £250 per annum.

MANCHESTER NORTHERN HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £120 per annum.

NATIONAL HOSPITAL FOR THE PARALYSED AND EPILEPTIC, Queen Square, W.C.—Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £100 per annum.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE: UNIVERSITY OF DURHAM COLLEGE OF MEDICINE.—Demonstrator of Anatomy. Salary, £250 per annum.

PORTSMOUTH: ROYAL PORTSMOUTH HOSPITAL. — House-Surgeon. Salary, £150 per annum.

PUBLIC DISPENSARY, Drury Lane, W.C.—Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £105 per annum.

SALISBURY GENERAL INFIRMARY. — (1) House-Surgeon; (2) Assistant House-Surgeon. Salary, £150 and £100 per annum respectively.

SHEFFIELD CITY HOSPITALS FOR INFECTIOUS DISEASES AND TUBERCULOSIS.—Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £225 per annum.

SHEFFIELD ROYAL INFIRMARY.—(1) House-Surgeon; (2) Assistant House-Physician. Salary, £100 per annum.

SHREWSBURY: ROYAL SALOP INFIRMARY. — House-Surgeon. Salary, £250 per annum.

STAFFORDSHIRE EDUCATION COMMITTEE.—Temporary Women Assistant School Medical Inspectors. Salary, £300 per annum.

STAFFORDSHIRE GENERAL INFIRMARY, Stafford. — House-Surgeon. Salary, £250 per annum.

STOCKPORT INFIRMARY.—Junior House-Surgeon. Salary, £180 per annum.

THROAT HOSPITAL, Golden Square, W.—Resident House-Surgeon.

TRURO: ROYAL CORNWALL INFIRMARY. — House-Surgeon. Salary, £150 per annum.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE HOSPITAL.—Junior Surgical Registrar.

WALSALL AND DISTRICT HOSPITAL.—Assistant House Surgeon and Anaesthetist. Salary, £150 per annum.

WARRINGTON INFIRMARY AND DISPENSARY.—Senior House-Surgeon. Salary, £200 per annum.

WEST BROMWICH AND DISTRICT HOSPITAL. — (1) House-Surgeon: (2) Assistant House-Surgeon. Salary, £150 and £120 per annum respectively.

WEST HAM AND EASTERN GENERAL HOSPITAL, Stratford.—(1) Resident Medical Officer; (2) House-Physicians and House-Surgeons. Salary for (1) £160 per annum, and for (2) £120 and £100 per annum respectively.

WHITECHAPEL DISPENSARY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CONSUMPTION.—Temporary Medical Officer. Salary, £500 per annum.

WIGAN: ROYAL ALBERT EDWARD INFIRMARY AND DISPENSARY.—Junior House-Surgeon. Salary, £150 per annum.

CERTIFYING FACTORY SURGEONS.—The Chief Inspector of Factories announces the following vacant appointment: Blyth (Northumberland).

To ensure notice in this column—which is compiled from our advertisement columns, where full particulars will be found—it is necessary that advertisements should be received not later than the first post on Wednesday morning. Persons interested should refer also to the Index to Advertisements which follows the Table of Contents in the JOURNAL.

APPOINTMENTS.

COURT, C., M.B., C.M.Glasg., Certifying Factory Surgeon for the Kirkham District, co. Lancaster.

EAMES, E. V., L.R.C.P. and S.Edin. L.F.P.S.Glasg., Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator for the Heanor and Codnor Medical Relief District of the Basford Union.

FLITCROFT, T. E., L.R.C.P. and S.Edin., Certifying Factory Surgeon for the Leigh District, co. Lancaster.

GRIFFITHS, D. T., L.M.S.S.A., Certifying Factory Surgeon for the New Quay District, co. Cardigan.

GRIFFITHS, P. Rhys, M.B., B.S.Lond., Consulting District Surgeon, Great Western Railway, vice J. Lynn Thomas, C.B., F.R.C.S., resigned.

KENT, P. W., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.Lond., D.P.H.Camb., Medical Officer of Health for the Barry Urban and Port Sanitary Authority, vice G. Neale, L.R.C.P. and S.Edin.

ROWAN, M. L., M.D.R.U.I., Medical Superintendent of the New Derbyshire Asylum.

SADLER, E. A., M.D., Medical Officer of the Children's Home of the Ashbourne Union.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

The charge for inserting announcements of Births, Marriages, and Deaths is **5s.**, *which sum should be forwarded in Post Office Orders or Stamps with the notice not later than the first post Wednesday morning in order to ensure insertion in the current issue.*

BIRTHS.

RENSHAW.—On July 18th, 1915, at "Newstead," Ashton-on-Mersey, to Dr. and Mrs. Knowles Renshaw—a son.

SHELDON.—On July 19th, 1915, the wife of J. H. Sheldon, M.B.Lond., of 16, Erleigh Road, Reading, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

BRAND—SEARBY.—On July 21st, at the Parish Church, Spalding, Lincs, by the Rev. T. H. Tardrew, Alexander Theodore Brand, M.D., C.M., J.P., V.D., of Invery, Driffield, E. Yorks, to Kate, fourth daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Searby, of Norwood, Spalding.

NORMAN—WAUGH.—On July 17th, 1915, at St. Mary's, Chigwell, by the Rev. F. A. Murray, Vicar, assisted by the Rev. J. D. Dyke, M.A., Lieutenant Newman F. Norman, R.A.M.C., only son of Frederick Norman, J.P., F.R.C.S., of Wiltshire House, Brixton, S.W., to Ethel Ann, eldest daughter of Walter Waugh, of Chigwell Hall, Essex.

ORR—JOYCE.—At the Manchester Cathedral, on July 17th, David Orr, M.D., County Asylum, Prestwich, to Ethel Pheby Joyce, daughter of the late Thomas Henry Joyce, Esq., and Mrs. Joyce, Bolton.

DEATHS.

SHEEHAN.—About July 12th, of heart failure, James Curtin Sheehan, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S., of 64, Wavendon Avenue, Chiswick, W., aged 55 years. Buried at Aden. R.I.P.

STEVENS.—On July 15th, at Tunbridge Wells, George Jesse Barnabas Stevens, M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P.Lond., aged 70.

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